(b) to (d) The Central Government propose to make an one time contribution of Rupees one crore to the Kosh. State Governments may also contribute to the Kosh. Other modalities are being worked out.

Fake Certificates of National Open School

996. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake certificates of National Open School are being sold openly at many places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to streamline the National Open School and save it from a mockery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) There was a news-item in "Enadu" of Andhra Pradesh in October 2000 regarding alleged sale of fake NOS certificates in Andhra Pradesh. During the calendar year 2001, 525 certificates were referred to NOS for verification of authenticity by various institutions/organisations/individuals. Out of these 14 had not been issued by the NOS. All these cases were referred to the concerned police authorities for investigation and subsequent action. One such case registered in 1998 is now under trial.

(c) The NOS has taken following stringent measures to check this menace :—

(i) The certificates now bear the scanned photograph of the candidate taken from the admission form directly so that the genuineness of the certificate is ensured.

(ii) The certificates are printed on NOS logo water marked paper and a hologram is pasted on it.

(iii) NOS mark in invisible ink is also printed on the certificates.

(iv) Press release as well as advertisements are given in the

National newspapers warning the public at large not to fall prey to these unscrupulous elements.

Role of NGOs in National Literacy Mission

997. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Literacy Mission recognizes the potential of NGOs in furthering its programmes;

(b) if so, the reasons for treating NGOs as new organisation every year though they are serving for severa years; and

(c) the guidelines for recognization of NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Individual projects are treated as new but those NGOs which have gained experience by doing projects previously, are given due benefits of their experience.

(c) Under the "Scheme of NLM support to NGOs in the field of Adult Education" NGOs are provided 100% financial assistance for activities related to adult literacy. Registered Voluntary Societies, Public Trusts and Non-profit making Companies in existence for 3 years or more are eligible for assistance under the Scheme.

SC Directive about Sexual Harassment of Women

†998. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court directive to prevent sexual harassment of women at work place is being fully complied with;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.